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NGUYEN, T	
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**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
**08/975,803**

Applicant(s)  
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Examiner  
**Tuan Nguyen**

Group Art Unit  
**3751**



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to application filed on Nov. 21, 1997

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-16, 18, 27, 28, 30-32, and 35-39

☒ The drawings filed on Nov 21, 1997 are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### **ELECTION/RESTRICTION**

1. The provisional election to prosecute the invention of Species I and subspecies IV is acknowledged. However, in view of the amendment submitted March 5, 1999 and the following Examiner's Amendment, the restriction requirement is withdrawn. The claims are drawn to various disclosed species as follows:

Species I, Figs. 1-3: claims 1-9, 16, 18, 27, 28, and 36-38; and

Species II, Fig. 5: claims 16, 27, 28, and 36-38.

Species I with subspecies Fig. 4A: claims 10 and 29;

Species II with subspecies Fig. 4B: claims 11 and 30;

Species III with subspecies Fig. 4C: claims 12 and 31;

Species IV with subspecies Fig. 4D: claims 13, 32 and 39;

Species V with subspecies Fig. 4E: claims 14 and 34; and

Species VI with subspecies Fig. 4F: claims 15 and 35.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

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Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Lowell Anderson on March 8, 1999.

Please delete Claim 17.

In claim 16 (patent claim 15),

line 12: delete "last" and substitute --least--.

In claim 27 (patent claim 17),

line 11: after "tip;," insert --and--.

In claim 36 (patent claim 23),

line 9: after ":", insert --and--.

In claim 39 (patent claim 26),

line 11: after "end", insert --, and said second end of said tube being adapted to connect to

C 1 one of the port--.

3. Claims 1-3, 5-16, 18, 27, 28, 30-32 and 35-39 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art alone or in combination teaches a base plate sized to fit between the toilet seat and bowl having an upper and lower surfaces, a rear end and a front end, first and second ports, and at least one of said ports being located at the front end; and an insertion limiter for increasing the flexibility of an irrigation tip being inserted into a user's body cavity beyond a preset distance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Tuan Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 306-9046. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Recla, can be reached on (703) 308-1382. The fax number for this Group is (703) 308-7766.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.

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March 11, 1999

  
Henry J. Recla  
Supervisory Patent Examiner  
Group 3700



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TITLE OF INVENTION: HYGIENIC REMOVABLE TOILET ATTACHMENT FOR ENEMA DOUCHE OR COLONIC IRRIGATION

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
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**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED.**

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